## THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

In the Matter of:	)		
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Georgetown Renaissance, LLC	)		
t/a Georgetown Renaissance	)		
Holder of a	)	License No.:	71846
Retailer's Class CR License	)	Order No.:	2010-425
at premises	)		
3307-3311 M Street, N.W.	)		
Washington, D.C. 20007	)		
	)		
Respondent	)		
	)		
Safekeeping – Georgetown	)		

**BEFORE:** Charles Brodsky, Chairperson

Mital M. Gandhi, Member Nick Alberti, Member Donald Brooks, Member Calvin Nophlin, Member Mike Silverstein, Member

# FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

Pursuant to 23 DCMR § 1611, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) held a Fact Finding Hearing on July 28, 2010 regarding the safekeeping status of the Retailer's Class CR License held by Georgetown Renaissance, LLC, t/a Georgetown Renaissance (Respondent), at premises 3307-3311 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The hearing was held in order for the Board to obtain current information on the status of the license held in safekeeping by the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-791.

In making the following decision, the Board considered evidence presented at the Fact Finding Hearing, the testimony of the witnesses, the arguments of counsel, and the documents comprising the Board's official file in making the following:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Respondent holds a Retailer's Class CR License located at premises 3307-3311 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. *See* License File No. 71846. The Respondent surrendered the Retailer's Class CR License to ABRA on March 21, 2001 to be held in safekeeping pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-791.
- 2. The Board issued Notice to the Licensee by registered mail dated July 2, 2010, to appear for a Fact Finding Hearing on July 28, 2010. See Fact Finding File No. 71846. The Notice requested the Licensee to provide information to the Board regarding the status of the license, to demonstrate reasonable progress in returning to operation and to provide good cause why the license should remain in safekeeping. See Fact Finding File No. 71846.
- 3. The Licensee appeared at the Fact Finding Hearing on July 28, 2010. Transcript (Tr.), 7/28/10 at 2. The Licensee stated through its counsel, Steven O'Brien, Esq., that the license was purchased in 2005 and that it has not been in use nor have the licensing fees been kept current. Tr., 7/28/10 at 3. Additionally, the licensee stated that it did not object to the cancellation of the license. Tr., 7/28/10 at 3.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

4. Under D.C. Official Code § 25-791, the Board has the authority to deem a license abandoned and to cancel a license in safekeeping if the owner is not making reasonable progress in returning to operation. In this instance, the Board finds that the Licensee, upon its own admission, has failed to place the license in operation and has failed to make timely payments to renew its license fees. As such, the Board deems the Respondent's license abandoned and cancels the license effective August 4, 2010.

### **ORDER**

**THEREFORE**, it is hereby **ORDERED** on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010, that the Retailer's Class CR license held by Georgetown Renaissance, LLC t/a Georgetown Renaissance at premises 3307-3311 M Street, N.W., N.W., Washington, D.C., be **CANCELLED** effective August 4, 2010.

District of Columbia

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

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Pursuant to 23 DCMR § 1719.1 (April 2004), any Party adversely affected may file a Motion for Reconsideration of this decision within ten (10) days of service of this Order with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration, 1250 U Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20009.